

Terra Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location

The Terra Academy, Library, 267 Aggie Blvd. Vernal, UT

DRAFT Terra Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Terra Academy Board members adhere to the following:

1. *Know the charter and act to strategically uphold the vision and mission in our work.*
2. *Be informed, prepared and proactive through due diligence.*
3. *Represent the Terra Academy as a unified board.*

Mission: *Terra Academy focuses on each student as a “unique” whole person in a global society by providing individualized instruction in a community learning model through educational experiences including a broad range of curricular options and project-based learning opportunities that nourish individual talents, skills, and desires.*

Vision: *The vision of Terra Academy is to help students become lifelong independent learners, productive members of society possessing respect for other people and cultures, who are stewards of our environment.*

School Rules: *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind* Motto: *Learn, Grow, Be*

Board Members Present

Jared McKeachnie, Lianna Etchberger, Rachelle Durrant

Board Members Absent

Melissa Huber, Pam Rosal

Non Voting Members Present

Cassie Hays, Liz Howcroft

Guests Present

Fayme Pettit, Kevrine Wells, Loren Anderson, Mike Drechsel

I. Opening Items

A.Record Attendance and Guests

B.Call the Meeting to Order

Lianna Etchberger called a meeting of the board of trustees of Terra Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday Sep 22, 2016 @ 6:10 PM at The Terra Academy, Library, 267 Aggie Blvd. Vernal, UT.

C.Approve Minutes of Board Work Session July 7, 2016

Members of board were not all present at last meeting, so approval of meetings is postponed.

D.Approve Minutes of Board Meeting Aug 25, 2016

Members of board were not all present at last meeting, so approval of meetings is postponed.

II. Public Comment Option

A.Public Comment Guidelines

There were no public comments

III. Good Things at Terra

A.Foreign Exchange Students

Nam, Mariam, and Gvansta, foreign exchange students from Thailand, Kyrgyzstan and Georgia (respectively) like teachers and school. The challenge is sometimes communicating with peers and differences in culture. Language is a barrier. Mariam and Gvansta participate in FLEX Program (US Program), competitive program that finances everything. It requires 50-100 hours of service, projects, leadership mentoring, and presentations at school on their countries. They are looking forward to sharing stories from their countries at International Education week in November.

IV. Facilities

A.Invited presentation from CRS Engineers

The CRS Engineers did not attend the board meeting. Jared and administration put together some drawings for a cost estimated for new building. Alternative options including self contained units, are also possibilities. Next semester classrooms will be short. We can possibly use USU campus temporarily, but transportation will be an issue. The goal is to move forward with the cafeteria addition. Funds have already been approved in the budget.

V. Director's Report

A.Director's Report

Board discussed last year's SAGE results that were low. Additional metrics are in place for assessing learning gains (growth) and addressing gaps. Terra celebrates growth.

A special education director will be brought in. Brian Bleazzrd is over technology.

PPG (Parent Partnership Group) and Round Table are organized and holding meetings. Community Council has the same budget for School LANDS Trust funds approved last March.

VI. Finance

A. Finance Report

Amendment to H-Wire technology agreement reflecting significantly lower fee for one of our staff to serve as on-site technologist was reviewed. Some confusion regarding need for board to approve amended agreement so board voted to approve agreement amendment to be transparent.

Jared McKeachnie motioned to approve the amendment to the existing H-Wire agreement.

Fayme Pettit seconded.

Lianna, Jared and Fayme all voted aye. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Business Manager Support Update

Exploring ways to ensure retention of our business manager are still in progress.

C. School LANDS Trust Budget

Because budget has not been changed from that approved last March, we do not need to vote.

VII. Governance

A. Accept Roundtable representative to Governing Board.

J. McKeachnie made a motion to thank Fayme for her service and bring Rachelle Durrant on as a new board member.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Lianna Etchberger Aye

Fayme Pettit Aye

Rachelle Durrant Abstain

Pam Rosal Absent

Jared McKeachnie Aye

Melissa Huber Absent

B. Compliance Check- Governing Board Online Training

Lianna has completed the GBOT. Other members of the board need to complete the required training as soon as possible.

C. Governance Committee Report

Treasurer, Melissa Huber, is being replaced. Current board member skill sets are being assessed to identify needs. Online application form will be posted on Terra website soon.

D. Policy Review: Safety Policies 02-101 through 02-106

These policies are moved forward to next month.

VIII. Facilities

A. Facilities Expansion Project

Discussed earlier in agenda

IX. Executive (Closed) Session Option

A. Closed Session Option

Not relevant.

X. Closing Items

A.Items for next meeting

ALL safety policies (02) will be review at next meeting.

B.Adjourn Meeting

R. Durrant made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Fayme Pettit Aye

Rachelle Durrant Aye

Pam Rosal Absent

Melissa Huber Absent

Lianna Etchberger Aye

Jared McKeachnie Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lianna Etchberger